

Amendments to the Drawings:

A complete set of replacement sheets for all the drawings is attached. No amendments have been made to the Drawings; therefore annotated drawings are not attached.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the replacement paragraph for page 8, lines 3-28, of the Specification because "via 29" should have read "via 32". This section of the Specification described FIG. 4. Also in the Office Action, the Examiner objected to FIG. 4 for not showing reference label "29", as per the replacement text for page 8, lines 3-28. FIG. 4 shows reference label "32" instead of reference label "29". The Examiner is correct that "via 29" should be corrected to "via 32" in the replacement text for the paragraph at page 8, lines 3-28, and Applicants have made this correction with this Amendment. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Specification now corresponds to the reference labels shown in FIG. 4, and there is no longer a need to amend FIG. 4. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to FIG. 4 be withdrawn and that the attached set of replacement drawings be accepted so as to avoid abandonment of the case.

Attachment: Five Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The above amendments are made in response to the second Office Action mailed November 12, 2003, wherein:

1. the Specification was objected because "via 29" in the paragraph on page 8, lines 3-28 should have been "via 32"; further because reference labels "29" and "39" were not explicitly described with respect to FIG. 1; and further because FIG. 8 was not explicitly described;
2. the drawings were objected to because reference label "29" did not appear in FIG. 4 as indicated on page 8, lines 3-28; and
3. Claims 13 and 15 were objected to for various typographical errors.

In response, Claims 13 and 15, and the Specification have been amended. Claims 10, 12, 20, and 21 have also been amended to correct obvious typographical errors. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been entered by these amendments. The Drawings have not been amended for the reasons provided below, but a replacement set of Drawings is attached.

Claims 1, 2, 4-17, 19, and 20-23 remain pending in the application.

Response to the Objections to the Specification and FIG. 4

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Also with this amendment, the paragraph at page 6, lines 27-29 of the Specification has been amended to explicitly described reference labels 29 and 39 in the description of FIG. 1.

Finally, the paragraph at page 9, lines 20-29 of the Specification has been amended to include a description of FIG. 8 and to explicitly describe the reference labels present in the figure.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been entered by the above amendments.

CONCLUSION

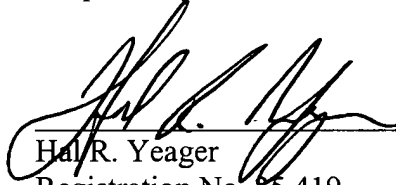
In view of the remarks made above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner should feel that a telephone interview would be productive in resolving issues in the case, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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